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Secretary of State Debra Bowen Announces Certified List of 26th Senate District Candidates

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced the certified list of candidates who will appear on the primary election ballot to fill the vacancy in the 26th Senate District seat. The candidate choices and their official ballot designations are:

- Robert Cole (Democratic) Commissioner
- Mike Davis (Democratic) Assemblyman
- Saundra Davis (Democratic) School Boardmember/Businesswoman
- Marvin Leon Evans (Democratic) Author/Management Consultant
- Jonathan Friedman (Democratic) Financial Analyst
- Curren Price, Jr. (Democratic) State Assemblymember
- Nachum Shifren (Republican) Educator
- Cindy Varela Henderson (Peace and Freedom) Communications Technician

The Special Primary Election will be held March 24 to fill the vacancy left by Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas, who was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. In a Special Primary Election, the candidates from all qualified parties appear on one ballot.

If one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast (50% plus one), no further election will be necessary. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a Special General Election will be held on May 19, with a ballot featuring the person from each qualified political party who received the most votes in the primary.

The official certified list of candidates, with contact information for each of them, is available at http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/Special/sd26/certified-list-of-candidates.pdf.

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